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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN AFRICA"
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1. THE GAO IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO SELECTED AFRICAN NATIONS (MOROCCO, KENYA, ZAIRE, NIGERIA AND ETHIOPIA). BECAUSE THESE NATIONS RELY ON OTHER ARMS SUPPLIERS AS WELL AS THE U.S., THE GAO IS INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THEIR ARMS SALES

POLICIES AND PRACTICES.

2. GAO DESIRES TO CONTACT U.S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN THE U.K. AND FRANCE WITH POSSIBLE LATER INQUIRIES IN GERMANY, BELGIUM AND ITALY.

3. IF POSSIBLE, GAO WOULD ALSO LIKE DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HANDLING THESE MATTERS AS WELL.

4. GAO IS INTERESTED IN COVERING THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

1) THE OFFICIAL ARMS SALES POLICIES OF THESE COUNTRIES AND ANY SPECIFIC CRITERIA RELATIVE TO SALES TO AFRICAN NATIONS;

2) WHETHER SALES ARE PRIMARILY THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS OR GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT;

3) THE MAJOR COMPANIES INVOLVED IN THE ARMS TRADE;

4) THE IMPORTANCE OF ARMS SALES IN TERMS OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS.

5. DATES OF VISIT AND NAMES AND SECURITY CLEARANCES OF AUDITORS WILL BE PROVIDED BY DIRECTOR GAO EUROPEAN BRANCH BY SEPTEL.

6. GAO AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY, AND EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY, IF FEASIBLE.

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7. THE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH THE GAO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES IN 4 FAM 930-934. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ESPECIALLY REGARDING ACCESS TO AND/OR RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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